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In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b))	MM Docket No. 98-198
Table of Allotments)	RM-9304, RM-9492, RM-9524,
FM Broadcast Stations)	RM-9547, RM-9548, RM-9690
(Cross Plains, Texas et al.))	

To: Chief, Allocations Branch
Policy and Rules Division
Mass Media Bureau

**OPPOSITION TO REQUEST OF ROLLING PLAINS BROADCASTING CORP.
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMMENT**

1. Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation (formerly Heftel Broadcasting Corporation) ("Hispanic"), Metro Broadcasters-Texas, Inc. ("Metro"), Jerry Snyder and Associates, Inc. ("JSA") and Hunt Broadcasting, Inc. ("Hunt") (collectively "Joint Parties"), by their respective counsel, hereby submit their opposition to the request of Rolling Plains Broadcasting Corp. ("Rolling Plains") for an extension of time to comment in the above-captioned proceeding. The request is procedurally and substantively defective and should be dismissed. The Joint Parties will not respond to the comments made by Rolling Plains except to the extent it requests additional time to file a more extensive pleading.

2. Although Rolling Plains captioned its pleading "Comments," the pleading is primarily a request for an extension of time. As Rolling Plains correctly notes, Section 1.415 of the Commission's Rules governs the procedures for filing comments and reply comments in rule making proceedings. Requests for additional time are contemplated under Section 1.415, and are governed by the time limits of Section 1.46(b). See Section 1.415(e), 47 C.F.R. § 1.415(e). Section 1.46(b),

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in turn, states that "Motions for extension of time . . . shall be filed at least 7 days before the filing date." 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(b). The filing date in this case was August 5, 1999. *See* Public Notice, Report No. 2346 (Jul 21, 1999), *corrected* (Jul. 29, 1999). Since Rolling Plains did not file its request until August 5, 1999, the request was seven days late. It was not accompanied by a request for waiver of the Commission's rules, nor did it give any reason for being late-filed. The Commission has no choice but to dismiss the request as untimely. *See also Julian, California*, 50 Fed. Reg. 16704 (1985).

3. Even if the Commission were to entertain the request, which under its rules it cannot, the request should be denied. As licensee of KVRP-FM, Haskell, Texas, Rolling Plains is affected by only one proposal in this proceeding, that of the Joint Parties, and that proposal involves only four communities, in addition to Haskell.¹ As the Joint Parties recently noted in their Second Reply Comments in this proceeding, their proposal is completely separate from any other proposal in this proceeding. Moreover, Rolling Plains' claim that 15 days is inadequate time to respond is disingenuous at best. Rolling Plains was served with a copy of the Joint Parties' proposal on December 21, 1998, and the Commission's Public Notice contains no additional matters that would require additional consideration.² So Rolling Plains has actually had more than seven months time to consider its response. In addition, the Joint Parties have requested that Rolling Plains be issued an Order to Show Cause, and when that Order issues Rolling Plains will be given an adequate time

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1. The communities are Jacksboro, Snyder (vacant) and Eldorado, Texas (vacant); and Ardmore, Oklahoma.
 2. In this regard, it is noteworthy that none of the other parties affected by any of the five counterproposals have asked for additional time to file a reply.

to state its objections to the channel change. Hunt, one of the Joint Parties, has restated that it will reimburse Rolling Plains for its reasonable costs in changing channels in accordance with the Commission's rules. *See Circleville, Ohio*, 8 FCC 2d 159 (1967).

CONCLUSION

The Commission should dismiss Rolling Plains' request for an extension of time as violating Section 1.46(b), and should forthwith issue an Order to Show Cause why Rolling Plains should not be required to change from Channel 238C1 to Channel 246C1.

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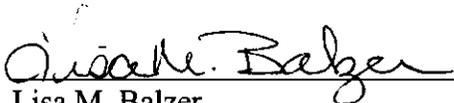
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